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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re: Kenneth D. James et al.

Confirmation No.: 9468

Application No.: 10/723,933

Filed: November 26, 2003

For: NATRIURETIC COMPOUNDS, CONJUGATES, AND USES THEREOF

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June 17, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

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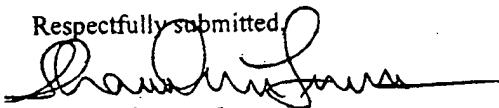
REMARKS

A substitute specification is provided herewith to replace the originally filed specification, along with a marked up version of the specification showing the changes made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.125(b). The original specification is amended in the substitute specification to include sequence identifiers and to incorporate the Sequence Listing at the end of the specification. The amendments to the substitute specification are supported in the language of the original specification and no new matter has been added.

Claims 14, 16-18, 20, 22-25, 27, 34, 35, 37, 43-47, 123, 125, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 141, 143, 144, 146, 147, 150, 151, 176, 178 and 180 are amended herein to add sequence identifiers as appropriate. Claims 170, 173 and 175 are amended herein to correct claim dependency. Support for these claim amendments is found throughout the specification and in the original claim language, and no new matter is added therein. Applicants respectfully request entry of this substitute specification and the claim amendments

No fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,



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